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Hon. Gena Cuthbert Collier,
Barnesville, Ga.

My dear Mr. Collier:-

I have yours of 23rd . If you are a worthy member of the Collier family, I am sure you are a good man, and I assume you are a relative of mine.

Since the Confederate Re-Union the 1st of this month, I spent most of my time in Tampa, hence have been very much crowded since my return. Your letter, however interested me. Last night I took down my book, large book, The Virginia Cousins, compiled by Prof. G. Brown Goode, and hurriedly looked through the Colliers. This book, contains, I assume, five thousand names, is not alphabetically arranged, and hence requires as much time and skill to get what you want as it does to acquaint yourself with the most difficult law-suit. I will be glad, however, to do anything I can to one of my kindred, and when I find exactly what you want, or what may bear on your case I will have the book copied for you. I am sure I can be of some service to you, though all of the facts I am sure are not set forth in my book. For the first time I read in your letter, the name of Vines Collier. I never saw or heard of the name before, but I found it in my book. I have not up to this time found any one by the name of Isaac Collier. I do find, however, Colliers who came to Virginia early in 1600. I find the name of Colliers in Virginia, Kentucky, Tenn., Carolina and Ga., Missouri, Ohio and I think in New York. There are no other Colliers here, or within my acquaintance who can give you any more information than I can, as the information contained in this "Virginia Cousins, was found by Prof. Goode after great research, investigation and correspondence.

There has come to our city within the last few months, a Mr. William Har- graves Collier. He is from the southern part of Georgia. He seems to be a very nice gentleman, is a lawyer, and I have found that he had a great many friends in Florida. When I have made a full investigation, I will write you again, sending a brief but full statement of the information you desire.

I am sorry you did not call and see me when in Memphis. My parents were both Virginians, and both very proud and clannish of their name and kin. Should you come to Memphis again, come right to see me, as it will take much investigation and talk, to get all the information you want.

Assuring you of my pleasure in hearing from you and in hearing from you in any way, and hoping that I may have the pleasure of knowing you personally at an early date, I am

Cordially and sincerely yours,

WAC/SR.

W. A. Collier